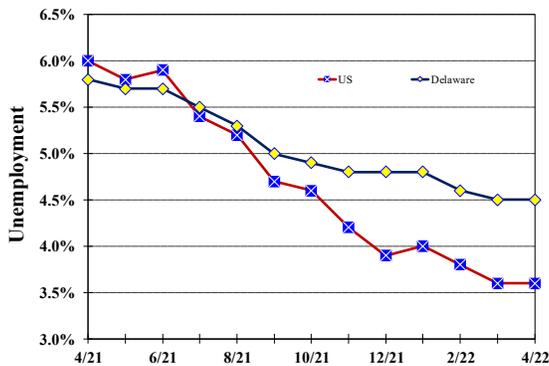


Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US
April 2021 - April 2022



Monthly Commentary

The State's April seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from March at 4.5%, while the number of jobs in the State grew by a net 8,000 or 1.8% over the year. Delaware's Labor Force Participation (LFP) rate was 61.2 percent in April, 0.8 percentage points lower than a year ago. Delaware's LFP reached 59.4 percent in April 2020, the lowest point on record, dating back to 1976. The U.S. LFP rate, 62.2 percent, was a net increase of 0.5 percentage points from the year prior, driven by increased women and minority participation.

Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
Civilian Labor Force	498,900	498,600	497,100
Employed	476,500	476,000	468,500
Unemployed	22,400	22,600	28,600
Unemployment Rate %	4.5	4.5	5.8
US Unemployment Rate %	3.6	3.6	6.0

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
New Castle County	4.3	4.5	5.6
Wilmington	6.4	6.2	9.3
Newark	3.7	4.6	4.2
Kent County	5.1	5.3	6.4
Dover	6.9	6.8	9.5
Sussex County	4.2	4.7	5.2

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.
Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
Weekly Earnings	\$976.80	\$970.55	\$947.59
Weekly Hours	33.0	32.9	32.8
Hourly Earnings	\$29.60	\$29.50	\$28.89

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April 2022 was 4.5%, unchanged from March 2022. There were 22,400 unemployed Delawareans in April 2022 compared to 28,600 in April 2021. The US unemployment rate was 3.6% in April 2022, unchanged from March 2022. In April 2021, the US unemployment rate was 6.0%, while Delaware's rate was 5.8%.

In April 2022, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 456,700, up from 456,000 in March 2022. Since April 2021, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 8,000, a rise of 1.8%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased 4.6%.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	456.7	456.0	0.7	8.0
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	23.8	0.5	1.1
MANUFACTURING	26.1	25.8	0.3	1.4
Durable Goods	9.7	9.6	0.1	0.8
Nondurable Goods	16.4	16.2	0.2	0.6
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	83.4	83.1	0.3	3.0
Wholesale Trade	11.5	11.4	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	51.7	51.5	0.2	2.2
Transp. & Utilities	20.2	20.2	0.0	0.5
INFORMATION	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	47.3	47.5	-0.2	-0.1
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	63.0	63.7	-0.7	0.7
EDUCATION & HEALTH	76.6	76.0	0.6	-2.5
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	47.6	47.6	0.0	3.5
OTHER SERVICES	18.4	18.7	-0.3	0.6
GOVERNMENT	66.4	66.2	0.2	0.1
Federal Government	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.0
State Government	32.2	32.1	0.1	-0.6
Local Government	28.3	28.2	0.1	0.7

† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.
Details may not add up due to rounding and seasonal adjustment.
Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

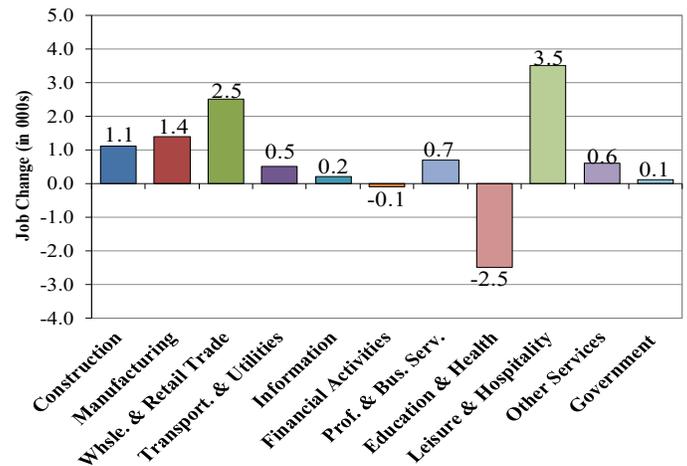
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

April 2021 – April 2022



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Apr. 2022 from:		
	Apr. 2021	Feb. 2022	Mar. 2022
US City Average	8.3	1.9	0.6
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	8.4	2.2	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2001–2021

